

controller determines that the user identifier embedded in meta-data associated with the particular digital content matches a user identifier stored in the memory.

24. The portable media device of claim 21, wherein the controller is configured to disable wireless transmission of the particular digital content in response to a determination that the user identifier embedded in meta-data associated with the particular digital content fails to match any user identifier stored in the memory..

25. The portable media device of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to assemble a transfer file comprising an encryption key for decrypting encrypted digital content, to encrypt the transfer file with an encryption key received from a second portable media device, and to cause the encrypted transfer file to be transmitted wirelessly to the second portable media device.

26. The portable media device of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to change a license status identifier associated with a particular digital content from unlicensed to licensed in response to a determination that a content identifier associated with the particular digital content matches a content identifier stored in the memory and corresponding to a previously licensed digital content file.

27. The portable media device of claim 1, wherein the controller is configured to transmit a user identifier assigned to the portable media device to a license manager after each transmission of digital content information from the portable media device to one or more other devices.

COMMENTS

I. Status of claims

Claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 21-27 have been added.